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The attention of the Patent Office is also drawn to the fact that four additional patent applications were filed on September 7,

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2001. The Attorney Docket No., inventive entity and title for these applications are each set forth below:

<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Inventive Entity</u>	<u>Title of Application</u>
BONN-059	Bruno COLIN	PUMPING DEVICE FOR TRANSFERRING AT LEAST A FLUID INTO A CONSUMABLE
BONN-060	Bruno COLIN	TEST SAMPLE CARD FILED IN COMBINATION WITH AT LEAST A BUFFER SAMPLE
BONN-061	Bruno COLIN et al.	TEST SAMPLE CARD F I L L E D I N COMBINATION WITH AT LEAST A BUFFER SAMPLE
BONN-063	Bruno COLIN	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLUID TRANSFER BY S E V E R A L C E N T R I F U G I N G OPERATIONS

One or more of these copending, commonly-assigned applications may be directed to related technical matter. This identification is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the cited applications now or upon publication of the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of this application.

The remaining documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were cited in the PCT search reports for these copending applications.

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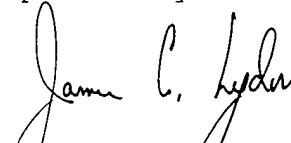
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